

1 October 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: USIA Announcement No. 55-11
on the Office of Research and
Intelligence

1. As you suggested, I have examined the referenced announcement, both with regard to its conformance with the terms of reference recommended in the USIA Survey Report (which was set forth at Tab B of that survey and in which you concurred) and with regard to your feeling that competition with the functions of CIA might develop.

2. The thumbnail sketch in the announcement, although obviously incomplete, seems to me to be faithful to the recommended functional statement for the USIA organization.

3. Your concern perhaps arose from the description of the functions of the collection and liaison division, which is to acquire information of interest to the agency from other Government agencies, USIA, and "private sources." The recommended terms of reference make no reference to "private sources." Whereas I would have suggested it not be included in the announcement, undoubtedly private sources will be important in obtaining "Americana" useful to the output of USIA. This matter has been discussed with Mr. Loomis, who clearly recognizes that his office should not, and he does not intend to, get into the collection of foreign intelligence from American private organizations who have sources abroad but should rather depend upon OO/C in CIA.

4. The only other reference which might cause concern is in paragraph 4 which deals with the external research division but this is so clearly a matter of contracting for research with private organizations and individuals that I see no objection whatever. In fact, I doubt they would be able to conduct an external research program without the use of such.

5. To make certain that Loomis fully understands OO/C's role, arrangements are being made with George Carey for an OO/C briefing for Mr. Loomis.

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